

Stream Team

- *US Environmental Protection Agency*
- *US Army Corps of Engineers*
 - *NCTCOG*
 - *Texas Parks & Wildlife*
 - *US Fish & Wildlife*
- *Natural Resource Conservation Service*
 - *US Geological Survey*
 - *FEMA*



Concrete Channel



Stream Team



Before



After



Stream Team Goals

- **Help Cities, Developers, and others understand “non-structural”, less damaging options for stream modification projects.**
- **Encourage the use of these options.**
- **Promote understanding of the benefits of healthy streams and riparian systems.**

Benefits of Healthy Streams and Riparian Areas

- **Aesthetics**
- **Property values**
- **Visual and noise buffers**
- **Natural erosion control**
- **Better water quality.**
- **Wildlife habitat**
- **Educational opportunities**

Stream Team Functions

- ***Educate by holding workshops***
- ***Assist with project planning***
- ***Review project proposals***
- ***Encourage pilot, demonstration projects***

Team Structure

- ***Participation is voluntary, within each member's time constraints***
- ***Members only contribute within expertise***
- ***No formal written recommendations from Stream Team (individuals may make written comments separately)***

- Although some agencies on the Team are regulatory, the Team's recommendations is *advisory only, not regulatory*.
- Stream Team advice can, however, make compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and other regulations easier. (Recommendations may show up again on permit letters from agencies)

What assistance does the Stream Team provide?

- The Stream Team can provide recommendations concerning innovative methods for:
 - streambank erosion control,
 - stream restoration,
 - flood control.

Upon request, the Stream Team can:

- Help with project planning by brainstorming alternatives and making recommendations,
- Informally review project proposals and offer suggestions on alternative methods.

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